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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

Draft proposals submitted by the President and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (1) of Council resolution 1988/77

DRAFT DECISION I

High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1992

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) That the high-level segment shall be devoted to the consideration of the following major theme: "Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system";

(b) That, without prejudice to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264, the high-level segment with ministerial participation for 1992 shall be of a duration of up to three days;

(c) To invite the Secretary-General, in accordance with Assembly resolution 45/264, to provide as a contribution to the high-level segment his views and recommendations on the selected theme.

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DRAFT DECISION II

Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1992

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) That the coordination segment shall be devoted to the consideration of the following themes:

(b) To request its President and other members of the Bureau to finalize arrangements for the coordination segment on the basis of consultations to be held with members of the Council, bearing in mind that a major feature of the segment will be the presence of heads of the relevent specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system to engage in an exchange of views with members of the Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264.

DRAFT DECISION III

Proposed provisional agenda for the regular session of 1992 (29 June-31 July 1992)

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 1992 and 1993 submitted by the Secretary-General (E/1992/1 and Add.1), approves the following provisional agenda for its high-level segment of 1992:

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system.

3. Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system.

4. Conclusion of the high-level segment with the presentation of a summary by the President.

The Economic and Social Council approves the following provisional agenda with regard to its other segments:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

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4. Operational activities for development.

5. Coordination questions:

   (a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

   (b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

   (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics.

6. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council.

7. Programme and related questions.

8. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

10. Regional cooperation.

11. Development and international economic cooperation.

   (a) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

   (b) Trade and development;

   (c) Food and agricultural development;

   (d) International cooperation in tax matters;

   (e) Transnational corporations;

   (f) International Conference on Population and Development;

   (g) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

   (h) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait;

   (i) Consumer protection;

   (j) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

12. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

13. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

14. Public administration and finance.

15. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

16. Human rights questions.

17. Advancement of women.

18. Social development questions:

    (a) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

    (b) Social development.

19. Narcotic drugs.

The Economic and Social Council approves the following allocation of items:

Items for consideration in plenary meetings

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Coordination segment

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Operational activities segment

4. Operational activities for development.

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5. Coordination questions:

    (a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics.

6. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council.

7. Programme and related questions.

8. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Items for consideration by the Economic Committee

10. Regional cooperation.

11. Development and international economic cooperation:

(a) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

(b) Trade and development;

(c) Food and agricultural development;

(d) International cooperation in tax matters;

(e) Transnational corporations;

(f) International Conference on Population and Development;

(g) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

(h) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait;

(i) Consumer protection;

(j) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

12. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

13. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

14. Public administration and finance.

Items for consideration by the Social Committee

15. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

16. Human rights questions.

17. Advancement of women.

18. Social development questions:

(a) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(b) Social development.

19. Narcotic drugs.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Regional cooperation

The Economic and Social Council decides to consider at its regular session of 1992, under the item entitled "Regional cooperation", in pursuance of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and taking into account the joint recommendations made by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982, the question of strengthening the role of the regional commissions to promote subregional, regional and interregional cooperation.

DRAFT DECISION V

Reports of the World Food Council and the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

The Economic and Social Council decides that, when considering at its regular session of 1992 the reports of the World Food Council on its eighteenth session and the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy at its sixth session, it will not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspects of the work of those bodies.

DRAFT DECISION VI

Transmittal of reports of intergovernmental bodies to the General Assembly

A. Report of the Trade and Development Board

The Economic and Social Council decides to consider at its regular session of 1992 the report of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the second part of its thirty-eighth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session the report of the Board on the first part of its thirty-ninth session.

B. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during 1991.

C. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council decides that, when considering at its regular session of 1992 the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-ninth session, it will not consider the part of the report dealing with the United Nations Population Fund, except for recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council.

DRAFT DECISION VII

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1993

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 1993:

A. Major policy themes

Environment and development (Council decision 1990/205)

Population, development and socio-economic indicators (Council decision 1990/205)

B. Regular session (29 June-31 July)

Programme and related questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-third session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

(b) Calendar of conferences for the biennium 1994-1995

Coordination questions

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-third session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1992 (Council resolution 13 (III))

Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees (Council resolutions 1171 (XLI), 1472 (XLVIII), 2008 (LX) and 1988/64)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development (Council resolution 1989/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for 1996-2001 (Council resolution 1989/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields (General Assembly resolution 45/264)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)) 2/

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement provided by the agencies and institutions within the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 33/183 K)

2/ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Operational activities for development

Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 41/171, 44/171 and 44/211) 2/

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fortieth session (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 2/

Technical cooperation activities of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 3/

United Nations Capital Development Fund (General Assembly resolutions 2186 (XXI) and 2321 (XXII)) 3/

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (Council resolution 1762 (LIV))

United Nations Volunteers programme (General Assembly resolution 33/84) 3/

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX))

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 802 (VIII)) 4/

Regional cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174) and the findings and conclusions of the regional commissions on the traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes (General Assembly resolution 44/226, sect. I)

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1991/74 and Assembly decision 46/453)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

3/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

4/ Will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

Development and international economic cooperation

World Economic Survey

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-ninth session (Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI))

Executive summaries of the activities of the specialized agencies (Council resolution 1989/114, para. 11)

Trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) 2/

Food and agricultural development

Report of the World Food Council on its nineteenth session (General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)) 4/

Science and technology for development

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its twelfth session (General Assembly resolution 34/218) 3/

Transnational corporations

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (Council resolution 1913 (LVII)), including the follow-up to the recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa (Council resolution 1986/1)

Natural resources

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its thirteenth session (Council resolution 1535 (XLIX))

Population questions

Report of the Population Commission on its twenty-seventh session (Council resolutions 3 (III), 150 (VII) and 1986/7)

Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development on the progress made in all aspects of the preparatory activities for the Conference (Council resolution 1991/93)

Relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund (Council resolution 1986/7) 4/

Human settlements

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 43/181) 3/

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of resolution 46/162 on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (General Assembly resolution 46/162) 2/

Environment

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)) 3/

Desertification and drought

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (General Assembly resolution 32/172) 2/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (Council resolution 1978/37 and General Assembly resolution 40/209) 2/

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII), 1983/7 and 1991/57)

Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178) 2/

Preliminary version of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77 and 46/98) 2/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its twenty-seventh session

World Decade for Cultural Development

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187 and 45/189) 2/

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) 2/

Entrepreneurship

Relevant section of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 45/188 and 46/166) 2/

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Oral reports on special programmes of economic and humanitarian assistance

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolutions 44/236 and 46/149) 2/

Non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV))

Public administration and finance

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eleventh Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

Statistical and cartographic questions

(a) Statistics

Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-seventh session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L))

(b) Cartography

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Council decision 1988/116)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifth United Nations Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council decision 1989/116)

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolutions 38/14, 41/94, 42/47 and 46/85 and Council resolution 1991/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Human rights questions

Report of the Human Rights Committee on its forty-seventh session (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) 2/

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Question of popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in the full realization of all human rights (General Assembly resolution 44/53)

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) 2/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (LXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/78 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas 2/

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (Council resolution 10 (II))

Review of the implementation of the Plan of Action on Ageing (General Assembly resolution 37/51)

Standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons (Council resolution 1990/26)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (Council resolution 1991/12)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, including a draft programme of action to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year (General Assembly resolution 44/59) 2/

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future and on the implementation of Assembly resolution 46/90 2/

World social situation

Report on the world social situation (Council resolution 1989/72 and General Assembly resolution 44/56) 2/

Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the implementation of Council resolution 1991/48

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University for 1992 4/

Report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees 5/

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

DRAFT DECISION VIII

Dates of the fifteenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination

The Economic and Social Council decides that the fifteenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, which was to have been held at Headquarters in the second half of 1993, will be held from 29 June to 1 July 1992.

DRAFT DECISION IX

Meeting of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East

The Economic and Social Council decides that the meeting of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which was to have been held at Vienna on 24 and 25 February 1992, should be cancelled.

DRAFT DECISION X

Sixteenth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1991/207 of 7 February 1991 and having considered the letter dated 27 January 1992 from

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5/ In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time its agenda is adopted.

the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1992/7), and in accordance with section I, paragraph 4 (f), of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, decides that the sixteenth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia will be held in Bahrain from 27 to 30 April 1992.

DRAFT DECISION XI

Twenty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1991/301 of 26 July 1991, decides that the twenty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission will be held at Addis Ababa from 20 to 24 April 1992.

DRAFT DECISION XII

Consultations with the Committee on Conferences in regard to the calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic and social fields

The Economic and Social Council, recalling paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 46/190 of 20 December 1991, takes note of the invitation of the Assembly in that paragraph and decides to grant authority to its Bureau to approve, after consultation with the Committee on Conferences, inter-sessional departures from its approved calendar of conferences and meetings in respect of its subsidiary bodies when it is not in session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Amendments to the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council

Adopts the following amendments to the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Replace rule 1 by the following text:

"ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR SESSIONS

"Rule 1

"The Council shall normally hold an organizational session and one regular session a year."

(b) Replace rule 2 by the following text:

"DATES OF CONVENING AND ADJOURNMENT

"Rule 2

"Subject to rule 3, and following a meeting early in the year for the purpose of the election of the President and the Bureau, the organizational session shall be convened on the first Tuesday in February and resumed at the end of April. The regular session shall take place between May and June and shall be adjourned at least six weeks before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly."

(c) Replace rule 9, paragraph 1, by the following text:

"DRAWING UP OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

"Rule 9

"1. The Secretary-General shall draw up the provisional agenda for each session of the Council. He shall submit to the Council:

"(a) The provisional agenda for the organizational session at least three weeks in advance of the opening of that session;

"(b) The provisional agenda for the regular session at the organizational session."

(d) Replace rule 9, paragraph 4, by the following text:

"4. The agenda for the organizational session shall include the consideration of the provisional agenda for the regular session of the Council."